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FORMER PRISON GUARD PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that former Reeves County Detention Center prison guard Rodney Rodriguez Carrasco, 30, of Pecos, Texas, pleaded guilty this morning before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt to conspiring to distribute marijuana within the confines of that facility in 2004. As part of his plea, Carrasco admitted that on three occasions in June 2004, he accepted Western Union money transfers from the relatives of three (3) inmates as compensation for allowing marijuana to be smuggled in.

Carrasco faces up to five (5) years in the United States Bureau of Prisons and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced in September.

The case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety and agents employed by the Reeves County Detention Center. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Parras prosecuted on behalf of the Government.

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